

## Minutes

Langtree Parish Council meeting

12h October 2017

**Members present** Cllr Glover [Acting chairman], Bond, Coles, Ley, French, Mitchell,

**Apologies** Cllrs Attridge, Edworthy and Tucker.

**Minutes of previous meeting** Agreed nem con

**Matters arising** Nil

**Police** PCSO Baker told the meeting that in the past month there been 2 logged reports [ 1 RTA and 1 allegation of dangerous driving] and one crime, theft, of tools from the building site adjacent to the Parish Hall. There was still a shortfall in police numbers in Torrington and cover was being provided by Bideford.

As regards a parishioner's enquiry regarding inconsiderate parking she explained that this was not within the remit of the police and that either TDC or DCC were the only bodies with any powers and in the absence of any statutory restrictions such as yellow lines their enforcement agencies will not act.

More Speedwatch activities are planned.

**TDC** Cllr Hurley informed the Council that upgrades to the A316 were planned and the first part will be from South Molton to Barnstaple. The use of average speed cameras is likely to happen.

It has been asked why the two large disused car parks on the A39 near Roundswell were not considered for traveller's sites and it had been explained that the Bideford bound side was to be used as a control and materials depot for the A361 improvement and the other side was need to ameliorate drainage problems on the A39.

The repairs to Torridge High Bridge are expected to commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, with overnight working and traffic light control, with a 20 mph speed limit.

There has been an 85% positive response in the compilation of the electoral roll.

The Fore Street application for five houses is almost certainly going to be refused. Torridge will receive a £334,000 cash injection for new homes over the next two years. 2017's money has all been spent.

**Finance** Current balance is £5326.19. Refunds from HMRC [VAT], SWW and Bridgmans totalling £593.62. Change of signatory forms for the Nationwide Building Society account were given to Cllr French for completion. Change of mandate for the Lloyds account must wait until the appointment of a new Clerk. Cllr Mitchell was asked to formally explore whether or not the accountant for the Parish Hall can take on the position of accountant for LPC.

**Planning** Application 1/0923/2017/OUT. Not supported. Not within extant building lines and not really suitable for the location

**Correspondence** Letter from parishioner read out earlier in the presence of PCSO Baker and LPC response will be along the same lines. No formal actions are possible. Clerk will advise the writer by letter.

**Items at Chairman's discretion** Mr Leigh Pollinger was introduced to the council as a possible new Parish Clerk. It was decided that the post must be advertised before any decision is made but that Mr Pollinger would be noted as a candidate. PM noted that the house in Fore Street backing onto our playing field had had a concrete platform constructed. Occupant to be advised this is not permissible. MG stated that the road between Forches Cross and Berry Cross, near to and on the opposite side of Longclose was liable to flooding. Notify DCC. The issue of parking was again discussed and TDC asked to clarify legality of parking on grass verge in The Crescent.